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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2002, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on December 30, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 9-24 and 27-28, drawn to a method of quantitating total populations and live cells and kit therefore, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicants hereby cancel claims 1-8, 25-26, 29-32 and 33 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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